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## Office Action Summary

Application No.

09/560,665

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Jonathan Ouellette

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 June 2003.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-7,9-12,14 and 15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1,2,4-7,9-12,14 and 15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 7.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Response to Amendment*

1. Claims 3, 8, and 13 have been cancelled; therefore, Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-12, 14, and 15 are now pending in application 09/560,665.

### *Claim Objections*

2. Independent Claims 1, 6, and 11 are objected to because of the following informalities:  
“non-custodial *patents*” should read “non-custodial *parents*.” Appropriate correction is required.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:  

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

*1, 2, 4-7, 9-12, 14 and 15*
4. ~~Claims 1-15~~ are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Polk (US 5,946,669) in view of Single Parent Central (www.singleparentcentral.com, Retrieved from Internet Archive Wayback Machine <www.archive.org>, date range: 10/13/1999-1/19/2000).
5. As per independent Claims 1, 6, and 11, Polk discloses a method (computer program, system) for providing a network-based child financial support framework, comprising the

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- steps of: (a) maintaining a database including information on a received financial support payment utilizing a network (200); (b) providing general information relating to the financial support payment utilizing the network; and (d) displaying a history associated with the financial support payment (Abstract, Figs. 7-9b, C9 L34-52, C10 L32-46).
6. Polk fails to expressly disclose wherein the network-based child financial support framework is used for facilitating communication between employers, custodial parents, and non-custodial parents.
  7. However, this element is simply a use for the claimed invention and holds no patentable merit in the claims.
  8. Polk also fails to expressly disclose (c) calculating a proper amount of the financial support payment based on a profile of a user, wherein the profile includes data relating to at least one of income, number of children, basic support, insurance premium, child care cost, and additional expenses, and wherein the user may change the data in the profile.
  9. However, Single Parent Central teaches the use of a Child Support Calculator through a child support information resource website ([www.singleparentcentral.com](http://www.singleparentcentral.com)).
  10. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have included calculating a proper amount of the financial support payment based on a profile of a user, wherein the profile includes data relating to at least one of income, number of children, basic support, insurance premium, child care cost, and additional expenses, and wherein the user may change the data in the profile, as disclosed by Single Parent Central in the system disclosed by Polk, for the advantage of

providing a method for providing a network-based child financial support information site, with the ability to give the parents tailored financial information.

11. As per Claims 2, 7, and 12, Polk and Single Parent Central disclose wherein the network includes the Internet ([www.singleparentcentral.com](http://www.singleparentcentral.com)).
12. As per Claims 4, 9, and 14, Polk and Single Parent Central disclose wherein the history includes a date (Polk: Fig.9b), an amount received on the date (Polk: Fig.9b), and a disbursement of the amount received (Polk: 725) to the custodial parent (Polk: recipient 250).
13. Although neither Polk nor Single Parent Central expressly disclose displaying an amount retained of the amount received, it is inherent in the system disclosed by Polk, that if the amount received and the disbursement amount are tracked, then the amount retained is also tracked, because it is a function of the amount received and the disbursement amount.
14. As per Claims 5, 10, and 15, Polk and Single Parent Central disclose presenting a plurality of frequently asked questions relating to the financial support payment ([www.singleparentcentral.com](http://www.singleparentcentral.com)).

#### ***Response to Arguments***

15. Applicant's arguments with respect to Claims 1-15 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.
16. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP

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§ 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

17. A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

### *Conclusion*


18. Additional Non-Patent Literature has been referenced on the attached PTO-892 form, and the Examiner suggests the applicant review these documents before submitting any amendments.
19. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jonathan Ouellette whose telephone number is (703) 605-0662. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, 8am - 5:00pm.
20. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on (703) 308-2702. The fax phone numbers for

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the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned (703) 872-9306 for all official communications.

21. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 306-5484.

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